

**BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES: Monday – January 5, 2026**

Call Meeting to Order – *Secretary*

Flag Salute – *Secretary*

Open Public Meeting Act Statement - *Secretary*

The Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Committee of the Borough of Tuckerton was hereby called to order at 5:30 PM. Notice of this meeting is in accordance with the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 (Section 10:4-10). Notice of the meeting was advertised in the Beacon and the Asbury Park Press.

Roll Call:

	Glen Best	Marcella Klein	Ken Laney	Jon Miller	Kim Sakevich	Dave Shaffer	Chuck Watson
Present	X		X	X	X	X	
Absent		X					X

Also, In Attendance:

	Mayor Sue Marshall	Councilman Ron Peterson
Present		X
Absent	X	

*****Re-Organization*****

Nomination of Chairman: A motion was made by Mr. Shaffer nominating Jon Miller as chairman, the motion was second by Ms. Sakevich, no other nominations. With two abstention, the nomination was approved.

Nomination of Vice Chairman: A motion was made by Mr.Laney nominating Dave Shaffer as vice chairman, the motion was second by Ms. Sakevich, no other nominations. With two abstention, the nomination was approved.

Recording of Hours (Since December 1, 2025):

Glen Best – 2 Marcella Klein –N/A Ken Laney –3 Jon Miller – 20 Kim Sakevich – 20 , Dave Shaffer – 20 , Chuck Watson – N/A

Approval of Minutes – December 1, 2025:

Ms. Sakevich made a motion to approve the December 1, 2025 minutes; the motion was second by Mr. Shaffer. With two abstention, the minutes were approved.

Public Forum:

A motion was made by Mr. Laney to open public forum; the motion was second by Mr. Shaffer. All in favor; none opposed.

Old Business:

The committee confirmed that two readings of the Ordinance had been completed and passed by Borough Council. The next step was identified as a workshop, though the timing remained undetermined, with progress on hold until it could be scheduled. Jenny Gleghorn, Borough Administrator, was designated as the representative, and Mr. Best reported having lined up multiple potential locations.

The group discussed identifying film-ready locations in Tuckerton and beginning the process of collecting photographs and video documentation. The seaport was highlighted as a primary location to consider. The committee planned to schedule a meeting with Brooke Salvanto from the seaport in January, with Film Ready serving as one component of the agenda. The Film Ready discussion was expected to be brief, presenting the board with a straightforward decision: whether they wanted to be submitted as a film location and an explanation of what that designation would entail.

New Business:

Mr. Miller congratulated Mr. Laney for becoming Mayor of Little Egg Harbor Township

The Chamber reported 54 total members, consisting of 8 nonprofits and 46 paying members. All officer positions have been filled, and new social media channels have been established. The Chamber applied for IRS nonprofit status a month ago, with approval expected by June. The first meeting in February will be sponsored by Kerry from Rooted in Wellness, with music provided by Monique.

The Chamber leadership group planned to meet in January to provide direction to the officers and discussed hosting an event to introduce the Chamber to the neighborhood. New appointments included a Chief Story Officer, Chief Growth Officer, and Chief Event Officer. Meetings will continue to be held at LBi National.

The committee discussed Main Street businesses and identified the Mercurio's building as problematic, while other buildings were noted as occupied with tenants and maintaining a good appearance. Suggestions included partnering with the owner to dress the Mercurio's windows using displays, lighting, or local artist murals to reduce its vacant appearance.

The committee discussed two smoke shops in town. A member who had previously supported repealing the sign ordinance expressed concerns about the resulting backlit signage. The previous strict sign ordinance had prohibited backlit signs, neon, and LED lighting, but its repeal opened the door to current signage practices. Historic preservation was noted as working with the first smoke shop due to its

location in the historic district. Questions were raised about potentially limiting lumens from window displays, with code enforcement identified as having enforcement capabilities.

Members Forum:

None at this time.

Close Public Forum:

A motion was made by Mr. Watson to close public forum; the motion was second by Mr. Laney. All in favor; none opposed.

Approval of Secretary Services:

Roll Call:

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Glen Best	X			
		Marcella Klein				X
X		Ken Laney				
		Jon Miller	X			
		Kim Sakevich	X			
	X	Dave Shaffer				
		Chuck Watson				X

Adjournment – 6:03 PM

Motion by Mr. Laney, second by Mr. Best; all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted:

Savannah Beaulieu, EDC Secretary